

LIVINGSTON MOFFETT

2004 Stanley's Selection

Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

PHILOSOPHY

As a geologist, John Livingston comes naturally to the task of finding vineyards suitable for Stanley's Selection Cabernet wine. Seeking an optimum combination of stony hillside soils, eastern exposures and different microclimates, each of the vineyards is also chosen for its sound farm management and proven consistency. All the vineyards selected are only a few acres in size, too small for big wineries but perfect for Livingston Stanley Cabernet! And, by the way, "Stanley" is a family name in the Livingston clan!

VINEYARDS:

The Following breakdown of the four vineyards contributing the Stanley's fruit:

1. Price Vineyard: 1+ acre planting, contiguous to Spottswoode – early ripening. Low yield production with excellent sugar/acid ratio.
2. Gemstone Vineyard: Yountville AVA-An amazing vineyard which has 5 clones of Cabernet. Most of this wine is designated for our ultra premium Proprietary Blend.
3. Shartsis: Continuous to our Rutherford Estate Property, Shartsis vineyard is approximately 2 acres in size.

HARVEST DATES:

Sept. 19th to Sept. 30th

TONS PER ACRE:

3 to 4 tons per acre

BRIX:

24 to 25.2

BLEND:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

PRODUCTION:

487 cases

WINEMAKER:

John Livingston, Trent Moffett & Marco DiGiulio

BARREL AGING:

18 months in American and French oak (65% new barrels)

PRODUCTION NOTES:

All vineyards are kept separate through fermentation and the first few rackings. A final blend for the remainder of the barrel aging (approx. 12 more months) is then put together.

TASTING NOTES:

The aroma has lots of dark fruit and spice. On the palate, the wine is rich with tons of different fruit layers. It starts with a blackberry, boysenberry flavor that shifts in the mid palate to black cherry and spice. The spice and acidity from the fruit carries through on the finish and leave your mouth watering and anxious for more. Cheers!

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